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group came down from Omaha, the people work for the county commissioners there, and I think they have a progressive group of commissioners if you're trying to do some good things up in that area. They asked me to introduce this bill in the last session and it was already past the deadline and the bill limitation, etc. and they wanted me to look at this bill again this year but I had so many education bills I had to get it off to somebody else. But I think this is good progressive legislation. I think we've got county commissioners up there who are trying to accomplish some things and I think we ought to try to give them a hand.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, there's a much easier way to handle this and you actually don't need a bill to do it and I speak from experience. We foreclosed a good many pieces of property and we would always authorize the county attorney to protect the interest of the county. He would bid this property in in the name of the county and the county would hold it until we found someone that was interested in this property and it was always for sale, but for sale at a price. The cost of your foreclosure usually exceeds the value of the lot so you could always hold the price up until you could determine if the purchaser was really interested in developing the land. I know this works because these sales, lots were foreclosed in district court, the judge would eventually confirm the sale and it's legal and your county board is the ones that holds it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney and then Senator Barnett.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, could I ask Senator Goodrich a question please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'm just wondering if this is a good bill for Omaha, which apparently it is, would it be desirable or have you had any input from say Lincoln or Grand Island to be included in the bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I haven't touched bases with them. I figure if they, you know, I don't want to try to tell Lincoln how to do their redevelopment of their idle land like this. If they want it, they can certainly ask to be, to amend the very first section of the bill which limits this to cities of--to counties of a population of 350,000, if they want, if a Lincoln Senator wants in, all they have to do is amend the numbers there and we'll put them in. We don't have any objection.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Goodrich, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was going to ask you the same thing as Senator Whitney did except that one thing caused a little bit of delay, not that I take this man's word on too much or anything, but Arlen Beam opposed the bill now do you know if the amendments removed his objection?